

Appl. No. 10/618,318
Amdt. dated 11/08/04
Reply to Office Action of 8/10/04

REMARKS

As of the August 10, 2004 Office Action, claims 1-13 were pending. Claims 1-12 are indicated to be allowable and claim 13 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Iwasaki Hironori (JP 8162330).

The applicant appreciates and thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowance of claims 1-12. The applicant respectfully submits that the reasons for allowance stated by the Examiner refer to only some of the patentable features and are not the only reasons that the claims are allowable. It is believed that the independent claims include additional patentable features or combinations of features not noted by the Examiner. Also, each of the dependent claims may include additional patentable features or combinations of features not addressed by the Examiner.

By way of this instant amendment Claim 13 is cancelled. In view of the instant amendment, only allowed claims remain in the pending application. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that case be allowed and promptly passed to issue.

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Respectfully submitted,



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